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Hidden Oaks Offers a Full Day of Adventure For Youngsters

Children can experience a full day of pleasure and education at Hidden Oaks Nature Center on Saturday, May 19, 2007. Parents and kids can join Miss Spider for a tea party from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Families may wish to return in the evening and take a 7 p.m. nighttime stroll through the park grounds listening to the sounds of nature at night.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center provides an escape into the habitat of an urban woodland forest, providing an enriching educational experience for its visitors. Through *Miss Spider's Tea Party* and the *Goodnight Walk: Sounds of the Night*, the Nature Center nurtures an interest in the outdoors and science at a personal level with its younger patrons while offering a pleasant outing for parents.

Miss Spider's Tea Party invites children ages four to six to dress as their favorite spider or insect and join Miss Spider for a sit-down tea party, stories and activities including a workshop where children can make their own bug antennae. Reservations and prepayment of \$10 per person are required.

Goodnight Walk: Sounds of the Night invites parents and children ages four and older to walk Old Oak Trail. Prior to the walk, guests will learn about animal sounds and identification. Reservations and prepayment of \$5 are required.

For more information, please contact the Hidden Oaks Nature Center at 703-941-1065 or visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks. Hidden Oaks is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale and may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 52B which is Little River Turnpike or Route 236 east to the first traffic light at Hummer Road. Turn left on Hummer Road and then left at the park entrance.

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